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[redacted]

3. The main products of the Chemical and Metallurgical works in Usti [redacted] are as follows:

(a) Sulphuric acid and the by-product "Olium", a strong alkaline substance.
(b) Nitric acid
(c) Sodium acid (?)
(d) Alkaline substances
(e) Octane blue
(f) "Trichlor" in powder form used for the production of dyes
(g) Liquid chlorine
(h) "Betannaftol" for the production of naphthalene
(i) Synthetic precious stones
(j) Hydrogen production. For this production, a new power plant was built with a capacity of 70,000 V. Hydrogen is produced by electrolysis.

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The products from this plant are forwarded to various plants and munitions factories for further production use.

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4. The Chemical and Metallurgical Works in Kolin has its own directorate which is subordinated to the general directorate for chemical and metallurgical production in Prague. The main products of the plant in Kolin are as follows: Sulphuric acid; fertilizers, and sulphates. This plant supplies filtration and purification stations all over the country with sulphates. [redacted] construction of a filtration tower for the production of sulphuric acid in 1951 - 1952.

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5. The name of the Fat Works, National Corporation in Usti nad Labem, was formerly Schicht Corporation. The main products of this plant are soap and artificial fats.

6. The former name of the "Armaturka" Plant, National Corporation in Krasne Brezno, was Mannesmann Werke for the production of water pipes.

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7. [redacted]

8. The highest wages paid in the Czechoslovak industry are those in mining, metallurgical works, heavy industry and building. The man-power for these factories was obtained mainly by the assignment of former administrative employees and white collar workers to manual work. Also many shopkeepers had to leave their business and work in the factories. The white collar workers obtained the same wage during the time of training for their new profession. After six-eight months, however, they were put on a piece work wage and received only this wage. Their wage has dropped thus to 2600-3000 crowns per month although in many cases they had to perform skilled work, e g as mechanics etc. This is very little, even considering the fact that they did not have the necessary skill.

9. In the summer of 1951, there was a strike in the railway car plant (Vagonka) in Kolin nad Labem. The plant was converted to the production of armored cars and tanks; the production of railway cars had to be transferred to Slovakia, together with a considerable number of workers. The workers protested violently against their transfer and began a strike which lasted 24 hours. The strike was liquidated and the workers were given a guarantee that they would be permitted to stay in the factory and work in the new production. During the time of the strike, the whole plant was occupied and guarded by the members of the workers' militia.

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ENCLOSURE (1): Map Showing Industrial Plants in Usti nad Labem with Legend
(2): Map Showing Chemical Plants in Kolin with Legend

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ENCLOSURE (A)

31° 30'
50° 47'

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31° 30'
50° 32'

Legend

1. Chemical and Metallurgical works in Usti nad Labem, national corporation
2. Armaturka Plant, National Corporation
3. Artificial Fats Plant, National Corporation

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ENCLOSURE (B)

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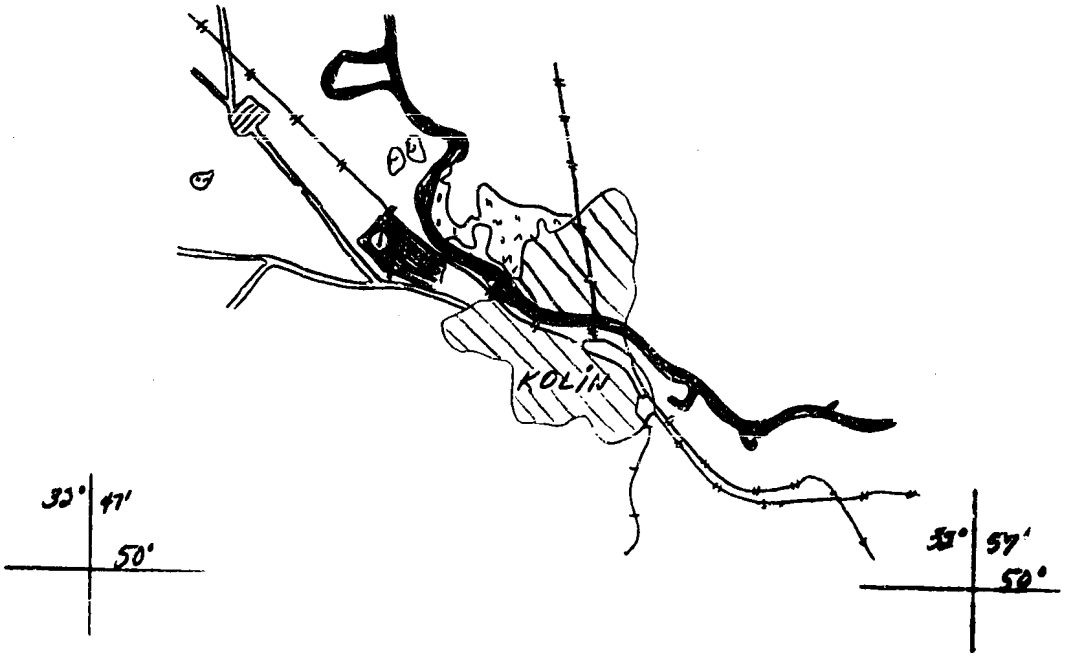
Chemical Plants in Kolin



Legend

1. Chemical and Metallurgical Works in Kolin, National Corporation.

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